

*You are Invited to Participate in the First:*  
**Public Informational Meeting on the  
Homestead Dam Feasibility Study**

Thursday, May 27th, 2004 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM  
Cutler School, 31 South Winchester Street, Swanzey



You may be aware that the privately-owned Homestead Dam on the Ashuelot River is in need of repair or removal. In an effort to arrive at a well-informed locally-based decision on the fate of the dam, the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) is conducting a comprehensive feasibility study on the dam and its surroundings. The scope of the study and the selection of a consulting team to carry out the study was coordinated with the Town of Swanzey, NH Division of Historical Resources, NH Fish and Game Department, NOAA Restoration Center, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Public participation is critical to ensuring that the study will be thorough, accurate and responsive to the community's needs. DES is sponsoring two public information meetings — one on May 27th and a second in October. These meetings also serve as an opportunity for the public to provide formal input on historical resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

#### **Meeting Objectives**

- To familiarize the public with the intent, scope of work and schedule of completion for the Homestead Dam Feasibility Study
- To discuss specific issues of concern
- To solicit input and information relative to the study, the Dam and surroundings.

#### **Meeting Agenda**

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| 6:30–7:30 PM | <b>Welcome and Presentation</b><br>Project history and need, scope of work, schedule   |
| 7:30–8:15 PM | <b>Breakout Session</b><br>Staffed information stations on specific aspects of project. Opportunity to review existing materials and small group discussion. |
| 8:15–9:00 PM | <b>Public Comment Period</b><br>Reconvene in large group for comments and Q&A  |
| 9:00 PM      | <b>Adjourn</b>   |

Part of this meeting will be conducted in a small-group workshop format. Please come prepared for an open participatory discussion.

We hope that you can attend! If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact:

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